

presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 229. An act to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 801. An act to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse".

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2378. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Air Force, case number 04-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2379. A communication from the Directors of Defense Research and Engineering and the Joint IED Defeat Organization, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the results of the survey of research and technology that would be supportive of the combating IED mission; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2380. A communication from the Director, Education Activity, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of a decision to implement performance by contract for the Logistics Support in the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2381. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2006 Annual Report for the Department's STARBASE Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2382. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Dennis R. Larsen, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2383. A communication from the Assistant Inspector General (Communications and Congressional Liaison), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the inventory of commercial and inherently governmental activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2384. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions and Clarification of Export and Reexport Controls for the People's Republic of China; New Authorization Validated End-User; Revision of Import Certificate and PRC End-User Statement Requirement" (RIN0694-AD75) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2385. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement the Pacific Tuna Fisheries 2007 Restrictions in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean for Purse Seine and Longline" (RIN0648-AU79) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2386. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XA45) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2387. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA68) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2388. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Trips to the Closed Area II Yellowtail Flounder Special Access Program" (RIN0648-AV50) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2389. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Modify Swordfish Retention Limits and HMS Limited Access Vessel Upgrading Restrictions" ((RIN0648-AU86)(L.D. 110206A)) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2390. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Species Fisheries" (RIN0648-AS89) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2391. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Tilefish Permit Category B to Directed Tilefish Fishing" (RIN0648-XA54) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2392. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report relative to its use of Category Rating; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2393. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Strategic Plan for fiscal year 2007-2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2394. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, annual reports relative to several of the Department's programs; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2395. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Jordan Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB75) received on June 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2396. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mentor-Protege Program" (RIN0412-AA58) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2397. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Various Administrative Changes to the USAID Acquisition Regulations" (RIN0412-AA60) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2398. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services associated with the production of tactical computers, data processing, and communications systems for Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2399. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to post-liberation Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2400. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the articles, materials, or supplies manufactured outside the United States that were purchased by the Department during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2401. A communication from the Acting Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Organization's Inspector General for the period ended March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2402. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2403. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Reports of two of the Department's Inspector Generals for the period ended March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2404. A communication from the Chairman and General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2405. A communication from the Inspector General, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2406. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2407. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period ended March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2408. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled

"Report to Congress on the Social and Economic Conditions of Native Americans: Fiscal Years 1995-2000"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2409. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Searching and Detaining or Arresting Non-Inmates" (RIN1120-AB28) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2410. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exclusions from Gross Income of Foreign Corporations" ((RIN1545-BG00)(TD 9332)) received on June 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2411. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Brazil including the sale of up to twenty-eight (28) Boeing 737-800 aircraft; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2412. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ireland including the sale of up to sixty (60) Boeing 737-800 aircraft; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2413. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of two draft bills that seek to reduce the loss of public funds associated with improper Federal payments and collections, and increase the collection of delinquent Federal debt; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2414. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines; Standards for Business Practices for Public Utilities" (Docket Nos. RM96-1-027 and RM05-5-001) received on June 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2415. A communication from the Acting Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Royalty in Kind Operation for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2416. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of previous findings by the Chief of Engineers in a study of the Mississippi River between Coons Rapids Dam, Minnesota and the mouth of the Ohio River; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2417. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB76) received on June 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-142. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Con-

gress to fulfill the commitment to the citizens of Louisiana to fully fund recovery from damages resulting from hurricanes Katrina and Rita; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Whereas, as a result of these devastating events, the President's Office of Gulf Coast Rebuilding estimated that over one hundred twenty-seven thousand owner-occupied homes received major or severe damage based on the criteria used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

Whereas, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, President George W. Bush made a commitment to the people of Louisiana, in a nationally-covered statement that the federal government would do what was necessary to provide for the recovery of the state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the state of Louisiana has always proposed that the Road Home Program pay for owner-occupied uninsured or underinsured wind damage as well as flood damage within the parameters of the program; and

Whereas, in Action Plan Amendment No.1 proposed by the Louisiana Recovery Authority, captioned Action Plan Amendment for Disaster Recovery Funds for the Road Home Housing Programs, which, according to news releases, was approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs in May 2006, it was clearly stated the program proposed to provide "the full proposed assistance to all of the Louisiana homeowners who suffered major or severe damage" and stated that "It is the State's policy that participants in the Homeowner Assistance Program deserve a fair and independent estimate or projection of damages from the storm, regardless of the cause of damage"; and

Whereas, according to federal sources, 43,298 homeowners experienced no major flooding but major or severe wind damage; and

Whereas, since the adoption of Action Plan Amendment No. 1, the state has experienced increased costs in the program, resulting in a current three billion dollar shortfall, duly from a combination of factors, including an increase in the number of eligible claimants from the original estimates by approximately eleven thousand, more homes severely damaged than originally estimated, increased costs per eligible claimant than originally estimated, lower than anticipated homeowner property insurance claim benefits received from private insurers, and higher than estimated costs of repair and construction. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States and urges and requests the federal administration to fulfill the commitment to the citizens of Louisiana to fully fund recovery from damages resulting from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, and to the President of the United States.

POM-143. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to prevent the taxation of rebuilding grants from the state's Road Home program; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, Louisiana taxpayers have spent countless hours coping with paperwork and bureaucracy that has inconvenienced them since hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated southern Louisiana in 2005; and

Whereas, while the grants themselves are not taxable, the Internal Revenue Service says grant recipients who claimed a storm-related casualty loss would be required to consider all or part of the grant as income; and

Whereas, the average Road Home grant is sixty-five thousand dollars; therefore, some recipients would find themselves bumped up to higher tax brackets and would likely have a higher federal income tax liability; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Department of Revenue has determined that grants would not constitute income for state purposes. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States and the Internal Revenue Service to take such actions as are necessary to prevent the taxation of rebuilding grants from the state's Road Home program. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America, to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-144. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Colorado urging Congress to pass the federal "Gestational Diabetes Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 07-005

Whereas, gestational diabetes is one of the most common issues facing pregnant women and their health care providers, and the prevalence of gestational diabetes is increasing; and

Whereas, according to the American Diabetes Association, gestational diabetes affects approximately 4-8% of all pregnant women, which is about 135,000 women in the United States each year; and

Whereas, according to the Colorado Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, gestational diabetes affects approximately 7.5% of all pregnant women in Colorado, which is about 5,000 women in Colorado each year; and

Whereas, women who are overweight or obese are at an increased risk for developing gestational diabetes, and other risk factors include genetics, ethnicity, and maternal age; and

Whereas, gestational diabetes is associated with more health problems for the mother and child, including an increased risk for birth trauma, induction, and caesarean section; extreme increases in birth weight for children of women who developed gestational diabetes; an increased risk for developing childhood obesity; and putting the mothers and their children at a higher risk of developing Type 2 diabetes; and

Whereas, greater understanding is needed by both patients and health care providers on treating and preventing gestational diabetes, especially as there is disagreement among health care providers about how to treat gestational diabetes and the effectiveness of treatments; and

Whereas, United States Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton introduced the federal "Gestational Diabetes Act of 2006" (GEDI act), which is aimed at lowering the incidence of gestational diabetes, providing funding for research and community education, and preventing women who developed gestational diabetes and their children from developing Type 2 diabetes; and

Whereas, the GEDI act:

Creates a research advisory committee with representatives from federal agencies and health organizations to develop standardizing procedures for gestational diabetes